

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 23.

Please amend the claims to read as indicated herein.

1. (Currently amended) A security substrate comprising:  
a substrate; and  
at least two elongate security elements each having a width of less than or equal to 6mm,  
~~wherein said at least two security elements being~~ are at least partially embedded within ~~the~~ said substrate and ~~running~~ run substantially parallel to each other with a gap therebetween of no greater than 10mm, and  
~~wherein the total cross-directional width of a zone occupied by the~~ said at least two security elements and the said gap occupy a zone that has a total cross-directional width that is less than or equal to 18mm.

2. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in claim 1 ~~in which the,~~  
wherein said at least two security elements each have a width of less than or equal to 4mm.

3. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in claim 2 ~~in which the,~~  
wherein said at least two security elements each have a width of less than or equal to 2mm.

4. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims in which the~~ claim 1, wherein said width of ~~the~~ said zone is less than or equal to 14mm.

5. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims in which the~~ claim 1, wherein said gap is greater than or equal to 1mm.

6. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in claim 5 ~~in which the~~, wherein said gap is greater than or equal to 2mm.

7. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims in which the~~claim 1, wherein said at least two security elements have identical security features.

8. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 6 in which the~~claim 1, wherein said at least two security elements have different security features.

9. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein the parallelsaid at least two security elements wander from a linear path in ~~the substrate~~a cross-direction of said substrate, and ~~the~~wherein said cross-directional width of said ~~occupied zone~~ includes ~~the~~an amplitude of said wander.

10. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims in which~~claim 1, wherein at least one or both of said at least two security elements are wholly embedded within ~~the~~said substrate.

11. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims in which~~claim 1, wherein at least one or both of the of said at least two security elements are exposed ~~at~~via a feature selected from the group essentially consisting of: windows in at least one surface of thesaid substrate, ~~or in at least one hole through said substrate, or and at least one aperture through the~~said substrate.

12. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in claim 11, wherein ~~both~~all of said at least two security elements are exposed ~~at~~via the same windows, hole ~~(s) or aperture (s)~~feature.

13. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in claim 11, wherein each of said at least two security elements is exposed at separate ~~windows, hole (s) or aperture (s)~~features to those at which the other security element is exposed.

14. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed claim 13, ~~in which the windows, hole (s) or aperture (s) at~~wherein said feature via which one of said at least two security elements is exposed ~~are~~is in register with ~~the windows, hole (s) or aperture (s) at~~said feature via which the ~~an~~other of said at least two security elements is exposed.

15. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed claim 13, ~~in which the windows, hole (s) or aperture (s) at~~wherein said feature via which one of said at least two security elements is exposed ~~are~~is not in register with ~~the windows, hole (s) or aperture (s) at~~said feature via which the ~~an~~other of said at least two security elements is exposed.

16. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims in which~~claim 1, wherein each of said at least two security elements is provided with at least one security feature which is registered with at least one security feature on ~~the~~an other of said at least two security elements.

17. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims in which~~claim 1, wherein each of said at least two security elements is provided with at least one security feature which is registered with at least one security feature on ~~the~~said substrate.

18. (Currently amended) A security article ~~made from the~~including said security substrate of ~~any one of the preceding claims, such as~~claim 1 ~~a banknote, passport, certificate or other document of value.~~

19. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1~~

~~to 18 in which the~~claim 1, wherein said substrate is plastic.

20. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in claim ~~20 in which~~  
~~the~~19, wherein said substrate is a filmic plastic.

21. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1~~  
~~to 18 in which the~~claim 1, wherein said substrate is a mix of paper and plastic fibres.

22. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in ~~any one of the~~  
~~preceding claims in which the~~claim 1, wherein said substrate is paper.

23. (Canceled)

24. (New) A security article as claimed in claim 18, wherein said security article is  
selected from the group consisting essentially of: a banknote, passport, a certificate,  
and a document of value.